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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Stockwell, *et al.* Examiner: Friend, Tomas H.F.  
Serial No.: 09/361,576 Art Unit: 1639  
Filing Date: July 27, 1999  
Title: METHOD OF HIGH-THROUGHPUT SCREENING OF MOLECULES  
AND COMPOUNDS FOR THEIR EFFECTS ON BIOLOGICAL AND  
CHEMICAL PROCESSES

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Applicant requests a two (2) month extension of time, from March 18, 2003 to and including May 18, 2003, to respond to the Office Action mailed December 18, 2002 in the above-referenced case. With the extension, the deadline for response to the Final Office Action is May 18, 2003, which falls on a Sunday. Thus Applicant respectfully submits that the filing of this response on the next business day, May 19, 2003, is timely. Responsive to that Office Action, Applicant respectfully requests entrance of the following Amendment and consideration of the following Remarks.

**AMENDMENT**

**In the claims**

Please note that, as requested by the Examiner, Applicant has renumbered the claims 57-103. Please cancel claim 82 and replace claims 57-81 and 83-103 with the following amended claims:

57. A high-throughput method for screening one or more test compounds to identify those that exert an effect on an intracellular biological or chemical process, the method comprising steps of:

a. introducing into each of a plurality of reaction vessels: